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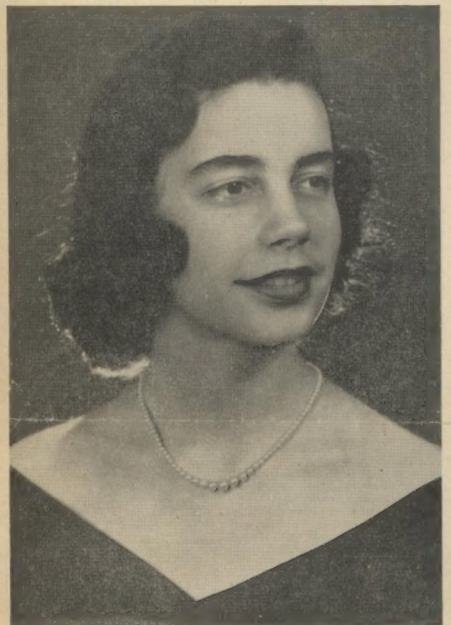
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Panel Discussion Holds Parents' Attention

Sophomore Representative



MISS DORIS ANN CREAUGH

This month the Sophomore class of Montgomery Bell Academy takes pride and pleasure in presenting as its representative for the year 1949 Miss Doris Ann Creagh.

Brown-eyed and brunette, Doris Ann early saw her share of our state, living formerly in Knoxville, Memphis, and Chattanooga before moving to Nashville. Here she attended Woodmont grammar school and, after her graduation in '47, entered Ward-Belmont where she served as vice-president of the Freshman class. Now in her Sophomore year at W-B, Doris Ann is maintaining a high scholastic standard in her four subjects, his-

tory, geometry, English, and Latin, and is also a member of the school Tri-Ad Club.

In her spare time you'll probably find her engaged in one of her favorite hobbies, tennis, basketball, and piano, or taking an active part in the doings of the Kappa Delta Theta preparatory school sorority, in which she holds membership. The oldest of five children, Doris Ann is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Creagh of Hoods Hill Road.

The students of the Sophomore class are indeed honored to have Doris Ann as their representative. Next month the Juniors will announce their choice for class representative.

Creighton Wins Annual Speech Contest; Bauer To Represent MBA In Mid-South

Traditionally MBA has encouraged Public Speaking. Ever since the late 1800's the Academy has felt that a man trained in the art of Public Speaking was a better than average man. In accordance with this policy the school for a period of many years has awarded three public speaking medals. One each to the winners in the Junior School, the Freshman-Sophomore division, and the Junior-Senior division. This year the winners were respectively Harold Bauer, Wilbur Creighton. The speech contest was held in the latter two groups, for a change, at night rather than in the daytime. In previous years the speech contest has been held in the

place of the early morning chapel program. This procedure was done away with in favor of the evening because the school felt that in this way the parents and patrons of the Academy would have an opportunity to hear the boys speak. In addition to the speech contest the Glee Club under the direction of Professor Rule presented a program. This program consisted of a selection of one part songs. Because of the early departure of several of the members the last number was sung by an octet.

Mrs. Creighton furnished flowers to decorate the study hall for the occasion.

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The Book Nook

by Bob Bomar

This year the policy of the Bell Ringer has changed in regard to library news. Instead of giving the groups of new books that we receive, we are attempting to review certain books, high on the list of best sellers. All the books reviewed are in our library and are ready to be checked out. It is our hope that through this column you may know the gist of many of our books, and a wider reading interest be established here at MBA.

The first book to be reviewed is *Peace of Mind* by Joshua Loth Liebman. Rabbi Liebman, rabbi of the Israel Temple of Boston, is a great teacher with many years of experience in helping people help themselves.

This book may well prove to be a vital influence in American life. It is a book that is helping men and women get more out of life. *Peace of Mind* blends the great truths of religion with the most helpful insights of the comparatively new science of psychoanalysis to guide people in understanding themselves. Love, fear, grief, the urge to succeed—these are some of the moods and motives that make or undermine happiness and any man can liberate himself from the constant assault of life's complications if there is a basis for thoughtful individual understanding.

This book with its wisely optimistic outlook on life provides such a basis and will help multitudes of people remain normal in this abnormal time.

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Ancient History Tension Wins Yo-Yo Title

Amid wild cheering Joe Tension upset Ben Adams to win the MBA Yo-Yo championship. The event started with four contestants, each giving a one-minute exhibition in the presence of several judges, the connoisseurs of the refined art of yo-yoing were Professors Rule, Blackburn, and Cornelius. After Ben



THE VICTOR

Adams, Charles Hardin, Tension, and Robert Harrison had given their performances the judges requested that a runoff be held between Tension and Adams. Adams then presented to the spectators a multiple of tricks including, "rocking the cradle," "the three leaf clover" and "Around the World." However Tension perfected in deliberate style the most impressive tricks with such grace and agility that he was unanimously awarded the title.

Bottom O' the Afternoon

By BLUE LARUE

Well, well here we are again. "Go get some water," then go "toodle tootle" on your fife and we'll ask Mrs. B. "What good came of it at last?"

Stunt night really was a success. Now the winners will get a holiday, provided of course they have a 99.99 average with not over .1% of a demerit for the last ten years. Van Arsdale is full of Joy lately. Open Letter to Mr. B. from the Senior Class: Fooey. P.S. Piffle. New Item—Dateline Washington. Recently the city of Washington has been hit by a series of flash floods centering around the Hotel area. It is suspected that communists are behind these floods. Key Club held convention in Washington Hotels.

Huston Horn was torn between duty and Honor. Since he pledged never to read the Tennessean he felt disloyal to the confederacy because the story of Sam Davis is being run on the comic page of that paper. At last he solved the problem however by blowing his brains out. Paid Advertisement—Will John Jay Hooker please pay for his class ring. Proofs for 49 Bell arrive. John Jay Hooker discovers that he has been grouped with the Junior Class. Gets mad and tells Mr. Sager, "Listen, you, when I graduate this spring, or next, you'll hear from me." Boys return from Florida with empty pocket-books. Says Ingram, "Well she was worth it." An unusual feature of this year's edition of the annual will be a nine page spread on the life of Jane Wilkerson, with pictures. Dick Thorpe has very bad taste in music and goes on the radio to prove it; as Thorpe becomes a great disc jockey Price runs through the studio yelling "This number's dedicated to Mary Helen," while beating on a waste-paper basket. Fitts becomes rich with blackmail pictures taken at Stag Party. Sharp quits the rifle team upon learning that they fire at targets and not players on the other team. Senior stunt great success with headmaster who stated, "Yes Sir. I sure like Cremona." Lance disappears for 3 days is at last found at the city dog pound. What ever happened to the Senior water fountain? That's easy Wilbur Creighton laid the cement. Bill Blackie gets a date with that Hubbard gal in a reckless, dangerous, desperate move to raise his English grade. Right field becomes more dangerous to the baseball squad than the Atomic explosion. PARDON TO KIPLING:

TOMMY
I went into the Honor Room to chew a piece of Fleers!
The Headmaster 'e Up and sez, "We chew no chew gum here."
The teachers in the corner they laughed and giggled fit to die,
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A panel discussion on the subject, MBA Boy's View of Teen Age Living, was presented in the school auditorium on the night of Monday, March 1. The program was originated and planned by Mrs. Harwell and Mrs. Spickard, both officers of the MBA Auxiliary. The distinguished Mr. Wood Duff, pastor of the Hillsboro Presbyterian Church, was the conductor of the panel, and he spent a great deal of time in the preparation of this excellent program. The MBA students who aired their views on the pertinent questions were: Wilbur Creighton, Vernon Sharp, Billy Bryan and Robert McNeilly.

The four main questions discussed were: 1. School life, 2. Home life, 3. Personal problems, and 4. Church and religious problems.

The hour-long program was a great success, and at the conclusion of the discussion the audience of some 125 parents was given an opportunity to ask questions of the boys on the forum.

Under the excellent guidance of Mr. Duff the programs was an inspirational affair, and it gave all present a better understanding of the problems facing youth.

Key Club News

Composite Presented; Officers Elected

The annual Kentucky Tennessee District Convention of the Key Club International was held recently. Some forty clubs from all over the two states met to elect new officers for the coming year and to participate in luncheons, dances and other enjoyable activities. From MBA Dick Carpenter was elected as treasurer while Jim Henley took over as executive secretary.

Among the activities of the convention was the Deceathon in which Bill Price placed fourth out of the two state group. This contest consisted of such exercises as broad jumps, chinups, fifty and hundred yard dashes, and softball throws. As the climax of the convention Vernon Sharp was awarded the medal for the most outstanding work as a Key Clubber.

Many of our local clubbers journeyed to Washington, D. C. to attend the annual International Key Club convention. Representatives from clubs all over the United States, Canada and Hawaii attended. The highlight of this convention was the elections of national officers.

The Key Club has presented each member of the '48 football campaign with a copy of the composite which will be placed in the Honor Room. This picture is the third of its kind in the history of MBA, the other two picturing the great MBA squads of '25 '26.

The MBA Key Club recently elected officers. They are as follows:

President, Lem Stevens.
Vice President, Bill Bryan.
Treasurer, Bill Estes.
Secretary, Bob McNeilly.
Sergeant-at-arms, Francis Horn.

'49 Bell in Final Stages

Andy Spickard, editor of the '48-'49 edition of the Bell informed reporters for the Bell Ringer that the page proofs for the annual have been printed and approved. Although a few pages are to be remade and the advertisements are all not in yet the yearbook is right on schedule. As most of the students know this annual will be one of the finest ever printed at MBA. Several new features are to be (Continued on Page 4.)

SPORTS

Spring Sports In Full Swing At M. B. A.

"MAROON HIGHLIGHTS"

By RASCOE DAVIS

Wednesday, April 6, the Maroon Tennis squad opened its regular tennis season against the Vandy Frosh. The following Saturday on the MBA courts the team faced Baylor. These teams indeed furnished stiff competition to Andy Spickard, John Jay Hooker, Inman Fox, Fontaine McDaniel, and the rest of the MBA outfit.

After the first big wave of enthusiasm for the new MBA rifle team interest seems to have died out. A first despite the small representation from some classes there were, many candidates for the first six most of whom were seniors. The small attendance at practice is, I believe, due to three things: (1) The poor showing of so many of the boys who felt shooting was not too difficult. (2) The fact that East High range, where the Maroons are scheduled to shoot, is so far from most of the boy's houses, and (3) The Wednesday morning English Tests that are currently falling over two-thirds of the senior class. At the only match in which the school fired, which saw the Red Men soundly defeated, only two boys were present, Ermon Sharp and J. B. Hibbet. Our suggestion is that the school either take up the sport wholeheartedly or drop it completely.

This year's baseball team, with luck, might turn out to be the dark horse of the league. Although the lack of experience will hinder the club, good material is seen in such newcomers as Coble, Miller, Randolph, and Bryon, all of whom will probably see action this year. Moreover, there will be Jimmy Morrissey, John Roberts, Buzz Davis, Bob Chickley, Charlie Hawkins, Don Wade, Bobby Worrall, and Jimmy Ray, returning lettermen from last year's nine.

Said to be heading for school in Alabama is Charlie Blackard, most valuable on last year's football squad. Along this line a local newspaper has reported that Billy Joe Ehrhart is leaving Georgia Tech for Vanderbilt.

Seen blushing at a recent basketball game between two well-known girls organizations was all-state end Charlie Hawkins, who, reported Coach Allen, was looking for new prospects.

According to Fess Hackman of the time when he and Coach played in the same baseball league; Coach managed to get one hit against him. (Fess was pitching) And that was when Fess' finger slipped, causing a wild pitch which Coach managed to duck, but which also hit his bat giving him a Texas Leaguer.

Expected to be the low scores in a comparatively inexperienced golf team are Charlie Blackard, Buford Dickerson, Lem Stevens, Stanley Seat, and Bobby Chickley. The team is expected to play twice a week probably at McCabe Field. Stunt Night might not be a form of athletics but we would like to commend Joe Erwin on his latter climbing ability.

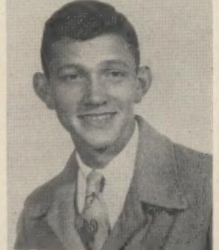
Know MBA—The all-time record for opposing batters struck out by an MBA pitcher is 23. This feat was accomplished by Jim Burge in 1929. The runner-up is Bill Wade with 21. Since Bill was pitching seven innings and Burge, nine, Wade's record is the most perfect.

Know MBA—The Honor System, so much a part of MBA, was adopted in 1946.

Jim Morrissey

"HE'S LEFT HANDED BUT HE'S REAL"

With baseball just around the corner the editors of the Bell Ringer feel that a writeup on the Captain of the Maroon Nine is in order. As most of the students know Jim Morrissey will pilot the Club this fall. Last year Jim was chosen as one of the outstanding players in the icy and awarded a trip to New York.



On the MBA outfit Jim holds down the first base spot, and does it well too. Any one who has seen this Southpaw play knows Jim has what it takes. Last year in the playoffs down at the Dell, MBA edged out one of the small town clubs. After the game the other team returned to the Academy to dress before starting home. As he waited for the boys to dress some of the men who had come to Nashville with the other club was engaged in conversation with some of our boys. After the boys and the visitor had talked for a while the stranger asked who played first for the Maroons. Upon being told the boy's name the visitor exclaimed, "He's left-handed, but he's real."

Jim has held down the first base spot for three years now. Last season he turned his ankle and was sidelined for several games. During this time he helped out by coaching third. The doctor had given Jim a pair of crutches; however, he just couldn't see using them, so every time the sides changed Jim would get up and hobble over to third. "Nobody's gonna call me a gold-brick," says Morrissey.

The team couldn't have a better Captain than Jim Morrissey. Jim has real competitive spirit and a love of the game—a combination that is hard to beat. Under Morrissey the '49 Maroons should have a good season.

DO YOU KNOW?

How many foreign countries have sent students to MBA?

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Who holds the All-Time high scoring record for Tennessee Prep School Football?

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Historic . . .

Heroic . . .

Humorous . . .

PAST

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Spring Football Promising As Team Finishes Workouts

On Monday, March 14, spring football practice began. About 40 some odd hopefuls reported to Coach Allen. Right at the start, the backfield started getting familiar to the tricky "split T" and the line practiced shoulder blocking with the dummies.

Later on in the week "live ball" was used and offensive plays installed. Scrimmages began on the Monday of the second week and through the "blood and sweat" you could see Billy Bryan and Billy Coble firmly holding to the end positions. Morris Ferguson and Jack Leech at the tables, alongside Bobby Graham and Homer Gible at the guards, were fighting to hold their positions. Robert McNeilly with a backfield trio of Charlie Hawkins at quarterback, Bobby Worrall at half back and Jimmy Ray at fullback. As yet the left half back is wide open. No break-away runner of the Ehrhart type has been discovered. Elsewhere Francis Harn is fighting for a guard position and is sure to see a lot of action next fall.

The outlook is not by any means dismal and another good MBA football team is expected.

Swimming Neglected In Academy's Sports

In the summer months the swimming pools of Nashville and the surrounding areas are filled with MBA boys. Some of these boys are good swimmers, some poor. However, very few of these summer only swimmers develop the style, speed or agility in the water that they could. The reasons for this are many but two stand out. Namely, the lack of instruction and the fact they they swim only off and on through the summer months.

MBA could have a swimming team. Although the Academy itself does not have a pool, there are many indoor set ups that could be used, such as the Y, or the pools that belong to other schools. In addition several members of the student body have private outdoor pools that could be used in the summer months.

MBA is known throughout the South as a championship football and tennis camp. In addition the Academy plays a good brand of basketball, baseball and golf; and has expanded to take in riflery. A swimming team would be a welcome addition in the MBA sporting program.

Ancient Sport Still Enjoyed

Among the spring sports at the Academy there is one that is peculiar to MBA. There is no other school in the North or the South where it is practiced. While this sport may be enjoyed at almost any time, it is practiced most extensively on Fridays. In case you don't know what sport we're speaking of it's that old standby, working off demerits.

Demerit paying of takes many forms, from cutting grass to wiping off blackboards. The cardinal rule of working off time is to find a job, understand not a hard job, but rather an easy one. One of the best places to look is the library, for there the work is easy. Above all, avoid the tennis courts or the football field. Beware also of the office. Indeed often the demerit-payer-offer gains time instead of losing it while working the office.

Take Me Out To the Ball Park Baseball Here At Last

Linkmen Practice For Spring Meets

In the spring many a young man's fancy turns to thoughts of golf. And then there are also humans. But seriously, several of the students here at the Academy take to the fairways and greens at the first sign of spring to advance the Maroon standard in that sport as in others. Last year's golf team managed to turn in a creditable 500 performance. But of last year's linkmen only one, Buford Dickerson, returned this year. Thus the golf team is composed almost completely of non-lettermen. As the able tutelage of Coach Sager, these boys hope to show the students great things in the way of golf this spring.

All matches are to be played at McCabe Field this year, and the Maroons face East there in their opening match on April 11.

Moderate Success Credited Rifle Squad

As in all other sports, the newly-instituted MBA rifle team was quick to come to the front in local competition. A Youth Incorporated team of five members was chosen to fire in the National Rifle Association's Junior Championship contest. Three of the members of this team were MBA boys. Charlie Blackard, J. B. Hibbet, and Franklin Jarman fired in this national competition at the East range on Saturday, March 19. The national winner was Richmond High School of Augusta, Georgia. The rifle club there is an old and experienced club and was the favored entrant before the firing began.

Next competition on the list is the local Interscholastic competition, which is scheduled to begin the second week of April. Members of the Maroon team who will fire in this contest are to be decided at a later date by competitive firing among the members of the team according to Coach George Blackburn.

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With the opening game less than a week off as this is written, the Maroon Baseball team is still pretty much unsettled as to who will play what. Last year's nine managed to garner the second-place spot in the Western Division of the Interscholastic League. But that team has Bill Wade, Bob Veach and Chuck Hawkins for pitchers. Of these, only Hawkins returns. Unless some more good mound-men can be found, the hopes of this year's Red Nine will depend entirely on Hawkins' arm.

The loss of Bill Wade is expected to weaken the lineup at the plate, but Jimmy Morrissey, Jimmy Ray, and Chuck Hawkins are all returning lettermen who hit .200 or better last year; and if Bobby Worrall, Don Wade, Bobby Chickley, and John Roberts round into shape, this year's diamond combine could give the opposition batteries plenty of nightmares before the season closes.

Lettermen Buzz Davis is still undecided as to whether he will play baseball or tennis.

While it is expected that Jimmy Morrissey will play first and that John Roberts and Ernest Franklin will catch, there is still an area of mystery about the men who will fill the other positions. Carl Gates is the only mound candidate than bik Chuck Hawkins, but there is quite a surplus of infielders and outfielders. Besides Morrissey, returning lettermen who are bidding for an infield slot include Jimmy Ray and Buzz Davis. Men out for the first time are Ward Lovell, Charlie McDaniel, and Summers Randolph. Outfield candidates include lettermen, Bobby Chickley, Don Wade and Bobby Worrall; and rookies Bob Bomar, Bill Price and Francis Horn.

Mr. Hood has been substituting as coach for Mr. Allen while the latter has been busy with spring football.

The season opens April 7 with David Lipscomb at Centennial number one.

Spring Tennis Now Underway

Now that spring is here and tennis racquets are coming out of the mothballs, it seems a good time to talk on the tennis team.

Last fall the annual tournament was held and some promising players came into the picture. It is usually conceded that Inman Fox and Fontaine McDaniel would be in the upper six players, but a complete reversal took place in the tournament. Buzz Davis came all the way from a first round victory to the finals where he lost to John Jay Hooker. In doing so he defeated McDaniel, who had received a first round bye in the quarter-finals, and Fox, who likewise had a first round bye in the semifinals. Roscoe Davis also forged his way into the tennis picture by joining Hooker, Fox and Buzz Davis in the semifinals. Andy Spickard didn't compete because of football.

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Personality of the Month

by Gilbert Templeton



CHARLES BLACKARD

Ladies and Gentlemen!!

Presenting the most wonderful thing that MBA Institution. It walks, it talks, it crawls on its belly like a reptile. It is none other than Senior Charlie Blackard. This is the cute little boy who has kept Nashville in a whirlwind since way back in '31. He is the boy who has more Don Juan than any other man in the world except John Jay Hooper.

This cunning little fellow entered MBA in his freshman year. There he took just 7 subjects to get into the swing of things. He was always on the Honor Roll. He got in good with Mr. Hackman by playing "B" team football and basketball. Mr. Headmaster was also his good buddy.

His sophomore year was the year of years although he took 8 freshman subjects and one sophomore subject. But he was still on the Honor Roll. Mr. Headmaster was a real buddy. He again played football on the Coonties. His position was way back on left out. With Jarman as his manager things began to look up in his Junior term. Immediately Jarman got him a position on the Honor Council. His grades experienced a slight drop from about 92 to around 2. Mrs. B. will do that.

This year has also been exciting. Of course Charlie was on the Varsity, playing quarterback. For his excellent work he was chosen most valuable. In order to show off his legs he played a good brand of basketball that won him many more honors. In addition Charlie is playing on the golf team.

I think everybody knows Charlie by the one eye in the center of his forehead. And they all love him for his wonderful advice to those in love troubles.

His favorite hobby is Emily Fletcher and eating worms. His favorite food is anything on a plate. His hardest subject isn't English — English is impossible. His favorite is math—he loves Eddie Arnold singing "Baby I Got Other Fish to Fry."

And so as we say farewell to egg-head we see him happily playing jacks on Cremo's desk.

Letters To The Editor

To the Editor:

Hav'n't got but just a minute. It seems like Vandy takes away all my spare time; excepting the few minutes I take out to read the Bell Ringer. I guess most of the other Alumni can't find time to express their thanks as often as they would like, and I'm no exception. Until I can, let this suffice. Thanks a lot.

Roy Miles
Vanderbilt U.

Know MBA—The Bell Ringer was first published in 1944, replacing a smaller publication, The Montgomery Bell News.

Our Historic, Heroic, Humorous Past

by John Adams & Hank Fitts

The other morning in assembly Coach spoke to the students of the traditions behind the Academy. In his talk Coach Allen told us of a collection of MBA catalogues dating back to 1875. The following information was found in the issue for 1910-1911. The cost of attending MBA was \$25 payable in advance. In regard to transportation the catalogue says, "Suitable stables are provided in which pupils can place their horses and carriages." While MBA was not a boarding school, students came from near and far to attend classes at the Academy. These students boarded with families living near the campus. Of board the catalogue says, "Board can be obtained in good families in the neighborhood of the school, at prices varying from \$16 to \$20 per month, fuel and light included."

Even in those days MBA believed in an stressed public speaking with a "Contest for elocution Metals" set for Friday, January 19, 1912.

Did I say that students came from near and far? Indeed at least three foreign countries sent students to the Hill, A. Anderson of Guatemala, H. A. Couch of Pueblo, Columbia, M. de la Fuente of Nador, Mexico. In addition boys from Tenn., Ind., Ky., Ala., Md., Ark., Ill., Tex., La., Va., Fla., N.Y., Mich., Miss., Mass., Ga., and S.C. attended classes at Montgomery Bell.

SPRING TENNIS

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Coach Rule plans to schedule matches with nearby mid-South teams such as S.M.A., Castle Heights and C.M.A. Also a three day trip, first to Chattanooga, where McCallie and Baylor will be host to the Maroons, and then on to Darlington School where they will meet the Tigers.

A local tennis league is in the planning stage and if this project develops MBA will be a member team.

Prospects are very bright for a strong team and another good year for the tennis squad.

BELL COMPLETED

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introduced in this year's Bell, while the old one's have been revamped. Many thanks are due to the students both on and off the annual staff who have helped to make the Bell possible.

SPEECH CONTEST

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The medals will be awarded the winners at commencement at which time they will again repeat their talks.

In addition to the MBA contest Bauer will speak in the Mid-South contest and is expected to represent the Academy in fine style.

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A list of these students reads like a copy of Who's Who in America.

So it is that we see MBA is steeped in tradition. A tradition that gives us something that no other prep school in Tennessee can match.

This year's team is to be placed with the teams of '25 and '26. The spark behind those great teams seemed to be Robbie Worrall. The History of this team and then who played on it is to be found in the headlines which were long ago placed in the scrapbook in the library. A few of the '25 headlines read: "MBA sets new local prep mark for high scoring." (A mark that has never been equalled.) "MBA romps over McCallie." "Worrall leads MBA squad to easy win over Knoxville." In the Knoxville game Worrall ran nine times gaining 305 yards, for an average net gain of 33.85 yards per try, and made four touchdowns. I quote from the newspapers, but, while Worrall was the outstanding star of the game, the win scored by MBA was not a one man victory; every player on the Red and white did his part.

We still have been unable to discover the meaning of "Totomoi!" and would appreciate anyone having any information on this subject contacting a member of the staff.

Know MBA — Maroon Tennis teams have won the city championship four years in a row.

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